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EXAMINING GROUP 1712

PATENT

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Bomi M. Bilimoria

Application No.: 09/870,442

Filed: May 31, 2001

For: METHODS FOR IMPROVING  
THE HIGH AND LOW SHEAR  
RHEOLOGY OF MINERAL  
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AMENDMENT

In reply to the final Office Action mailed July 16, 2003, with the period for reply having been extended one month to November 17, 2003 (November 16, 2003 being a Sunday) by a request for extension of time and fee filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the claim amendment section of this paper.

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